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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, NU
SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONEY FOR PANAMA CANLA TREATY

REF: STATE 198648

1. WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT PRESIDENT SOMOZA WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO PARTICIPATE IN PANAMA CANAL TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON. INDEED, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESTIGE, SPOTLIGHT AND RELATED FANFARE SURROUNDING A SOMOZA VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR VIRTUALLY ANY REASON AT ANY TIME WOULD PLEASE HIM IMMENSELY.

2. AT PRESENT TIME, HOWEVER, SOMOZA IS RECUPERATING IN MIAMI HEART INSTITUTE FROM A LATE-JULY HEART ATTACK. THERE IS NO ONE IN MANAGUA WHO COULD GIVE INDICATION AS TO WHETHER SOMOZA WOULD BE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO MAKE WASHINGTON TRIP. NOTWITHSTANDING NIACT IMMEDIATE PRECEDENT INDICATOR ON REFTEL, LATTER DID NOT INDICATE WHEN SUBJECT
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SIGNING CEREMONY MAY BE HELD; HENCE, WE UNABLE TO JUDGE WHETHER CEREMONY WOULD TAKE PLACE WHEN SOMOZA IS STILL LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED. SUGGEST THAT WHEN DATE FOR CEREMONY KNOWN, DEPARTMENT PHONE COL. ADONIS PORRAS, PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S AIDE, OR DR. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, HIS PHYSICIAN, BOTH CARE OF MIAMI HEART INSTITUTE, TO OBTAIN MEDICAL AND TRAVEL PROGNOSIS FOR SOMOZA.

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3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT A SIGNING CEREMONY AT THE

OAS HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON WILL REINFORCE THE CONCEPT OF INTER-AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR FUTURE, NONDISCRIMINATORY ACCESS TO AND NEUTRALITY OF THE CANAL. WE SUGGEST THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT VISITING CHIEF OF STATE WILL SEEK BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH AND OTHER ATTENTIONS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER AND OTHER SENIOR USG OFFICIALS. IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ASSUAGE OR MASSAGE THE EGOS OF SO MANY VISITORS IN MERELY ONE DAY.
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